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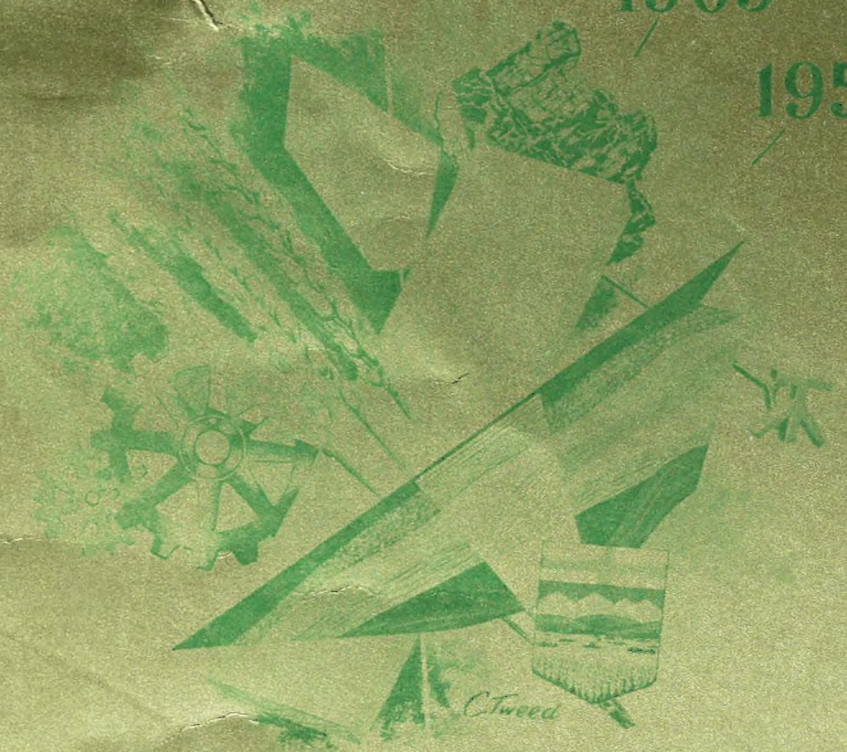

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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

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MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about February 1,1955,they held 2,002.9 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, almost unchanged from the 2,002.5 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries including on farm stocks in millions of bushels (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,076.2 (995.4); Canada, 586.6 (698.6); Argentina, 169.1 (154.9); and Australia, 171.0 (153.6).

Exports of wheat and flour, in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries from August 1, 1954, to January 31, 1955, were 373.8 million bushels, some 15 per cent greater than the 324.5 million shipped during the same period of 1953-54. Canadian exports, however, decreased from 138.7 million bushels in 1953-54 to 135.1 million in 1954-55.

COARSE GRAINS:

Primary marketings of oats, barley, rye and flaxseed by farmers in Western Canada from August 1, 1954, to February 16, 1955, were above marketings a year ago. Deliveries in the current crop year in million of bushels (with comparable figures for last year in brackets) were: oats, 46.4 (57.3); barley, 77.8 (61.5); rye, 7.5 (6.5); and flaxseed, 7.7 (6.4).

Total supplies of the four grains (excluding stocks on farms) at February 16, 1955, were 118.5 million bushels compared with 114.2 million last year. Exports for the first 6 months of the 1954-55 crop year in millions of bushels (last year's figures in brackets) were: oats, 10.0 (43.2); barley, 39.7 (55.3); rye 2.4 (11.9); and flaxseed, 2.1 (2.9).

INTENTIONS TO PLANT, 1955:

Based on returns received from crop correspondents at March 1, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates Alberta farmers' intentions to plant principal crops and summerfallow in 1955 as compared to 1954 as follows:

Crop	Area, 1954 '000 acres	Intended Area, 1955 '000 acres	Intended Area, 1955 % of 1954
Spring Wheat	5,862.0	6,005.0	102
Oats for Grain	2,354.0	2,639.0	112
Barley	3,053.0	3,597.0	118
Fall Rye*	181.0	136.0	75
Spring Rye	34.3	38.0	111
Mixed Grains	120.0	144.0	120
Potatoes	15.4	18.0	119
Flaxseed	215.0	271.0	126
Summerfallow	7,474.0	6,552.0	88
Total	19,308.7	19,400.0	100.5

* Estimated planting fall 1954, subject to revision.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION (Continued)

LIVESTOCK:

Canadian export shipments of livestock to the United States from January 1, to March 19, 1955, compared to shipments in the same period last year showed marked fluctuations by classes. The number of slaughter cattle exported were sharply down, dairy and purebred cattle and sheep were higher and hog exports about the same. Details (with 1954 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 794 (4,573); feeders, 1,717 (2,837); dairy and purebreds, 6,823 (5,997); hogs, 1,895 (1,859); and sheep, 731 (78).

Dressed meat exports to all countries (in pounds) were: beef, 1,691,115 (45 per cent decrease); pork 10,680,852 (38 per cent increase); and mutton and lamb, 6,067 (4 per cent decrease).

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimates that at December 1, 1954, the number of poultry on Alberta farms (with December 1, 1953, numbers in brackets) were: hens and pullets 6 weeks and over, 3,200,000 (2,910,000); pullets 6 weeks to 6 months, 1,140,000 (930,000); cocks and cockerels over 6 weeks, 400,000 (350,000); chicks up to 6 weeks, 30,000 (85,000), total domestic fowl, 4,770,000 (4,275,000); turkeys, 430,000 (350,000); geese, 70,000 (90,000); and ducks, 90,000 (75,000).

Chick hatchings for January - February are up in Alberta as compared to last year while down for Canada as a whole.

Chicks Hatched in Registered Hatcheries

	Month of February		% Change
	1954	1955	
	- thousands of eggs -		
Alberta	539	685	+ 27.1
Canada	7,461	6,893	- 7.6

	January - February		% Change
	1954	1955	
	- thousands of eggs -		
Alberta	643	758	+ 17.8
Canada	12,722	10,926	- 14.1

DAIRYING:

In the month of February, 1955, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,207,200 pounds compared to 1,264,100 pounds in February, 1954, a decrease of 4.5 per cent.

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FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
					- thousands of bushels -					
Deliveries and Loadings:										
Month of February	5,961	5,505	4,451	490	1,911	2,160	142	123	85	63
January - February	12,563	13,584	6,492	1,111	4,053	5,204	279	318	129	117
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in February					- dollars per bushel -					
	1.14[1]	1.12[1]	0.49[1]	0.45[1]	0.73[1]	0.66[1]	0.76[2]	0.91[3]	2.37[2]	2.81[3]
Estimated Cash Return from Deliveries:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of February	$ 6,796	6,166	2,181	220	1,395	1,426	108	112	201	177
January - February	$ 14,322	15,214	3,181	500	2,959	3,435	212	289	306	323
Canadian Wheat Board Payments on Participation Certificates[4]:	$ 13,778	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
January - February	$ 28,100	15,214	3,181	500	2,959	3,435	212	289	306	323

Income from all Grains including Payments on Barticipation Certificates:	1954	1955
February	$ 24,459,000	$ 8,101,000
January - February	$ 34,758,000	$ 19,761,000

1. Estimated average Canadian Wheat Board Initial payments.
2. Final estimated average value per bushel of the 1953 crop.
3. Average weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations for 3 c.w. rye and 2 c.w. flaxseed respectively for February.
4. On February 25, 9.871 cents per bushel final payment was made on 137,775,589 bushels of wheat delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board in the 1952-53 crop year.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

FEBRUARY, 1955, and Two Months Ending 28 FEBRUARY, 1955, Compared to Corresponding Periods in 1954

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
Month of February:	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Calgary	16.61	17.67	14.93	16.44	20.30	17.97	33.15	21.59
Edmonton	15.71	17.71	13.79	15.52	21.61	19.35	33.73	22.11
Lethbridge	16.85	18.19	14.97	16.51	20.27	18.12	32.94	21.41
January - February:								
Calgary	16.99	18.17	15.05	16.42	19.92	17.93	32.95	22.06
Edmonton	16.10	18.12	13.71	15.16	21.13	19.04	33.54	22.64
Lethbridge	16.97	18.68	15.15	16.04	20.20	17.85	32.76	22.03

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1954	Jan.1954	Jan.1955	Feb.1955
21.5	26.2	31.9	17.9	16.4

Livestock Price Relationships**

	1933-53	1954	Jan.1954	Jan.1955	Feb.1955
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	82.5	64.6	103.6	103.7
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	89.4	81.0	104.7	113.3
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	79.8	98.9	91.5

* Number of bushels of No.1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

** Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1955, COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
Receipts at Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:				- number of head -				
Month of February	35,699	37,802	6,051	5,452	14,683	16,072	113,313	133,732
January - February	80,375	88,705	12,701	13,012	27,486	36,123	228,174	292,750
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of February	3,644	3,558	631	589	386	361	-	-
January - February	6,285	7,604	1,316	1,278	651	674	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of February	32,055	34,244	5,420	4,863	14,297	15,711	113,313	133,732
January - February	74,090	81,101	11,385	11,734	26,835	35,449	228,174	292,750
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of February	2,100	1,614	645	630	177	166	2,495	1,413
January - February	4,530	4,010	1,435	1,396	372	311	4,878	3,783
Total Net Livestock Marketings:								
Month of February	34,155	35,858	6,065	5,493	14,474	15,877	115,808	135,145
January - February	78,620	85,111	12,820	13,130	27,207	35,760	233,052	296,533
Estimated Value of Livestock Marketed:					- dollars -			
Month of February	$ 4,553,500	4,943,400	321,300	319,200	292,500	284,500	6,318,500	4,640,900
January - February	$ 10,692,300	11,550,700	726,600	765,500	526,100	644,000	12,532,400	10,446,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Livestock:	1954	1955
Month of February	$ 11,485,800	10,188,000
January - February	$ 24,477,400	23,406,200

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (JANUARY) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (JANUARY AND JANUARY-FERBRUARY) IN ALBERTA, 1954 and 1955

	FARM SALES JANUARY		FARM CASH INCOME JANUARY	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- thousands of pounds -		- thousands of dollars -	
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,134	1,197	712	750
Dairy Butter	3.5	3.6	2	2
Milk for Cheese Making	1,848	1,320	48	32
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream*	8,447	9,260	255	268
Milk for Fluid Sales	16,719	17,822	772	822
TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - - - - $			1,789	1,874

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis.

	FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations*	1,153,000	1,485,840	2,621,400	3,082,800	349,800	409,000	782,300	853,500
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations*	127,200	128,700	382,000	349,700	44,700	34,400	143,000	91,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY - $					394,500	443,400	925,300	944,500

* In 1953, 56.1 per cent of Alberta eggs and 35.4 per cent of the poultry meat marketed were sold through registered stations.

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (February)	1955 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	4,678,164	4,074,415	- 12.91	2,412,230	1,594,724	- 33.89
	- Production	Barrels	480,799	473,307	- 1.56	251,561	242,893	- 3.45
		Value $.	4,714,268	4,338,207	- 7.98	2,382,865	2,220,170	- 6.83
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	2,830,339	2,826,000*	- .15	1,447,466	1,364,325	- 5.74
		Value $.	1,726,507	1,709,730	- .97	882,954	825,417	- 6.52
Factory Cheese	- Production	Lbs.	356,963	236,730	- 33.68	188,964	116,391	- 38.41
		Value $.	119,583	76,937	- 35.66	63,303	37,827	- 40.24
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	4,298,667	4,600,539	7.02	2,130,753	2,163,140	1.52
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	19,593,801	20,024,752	2.20	9,339,963	9,911,709	6.12
	- Production	- Meat Lbs.	51,626,660	61,886,586	19.87	26,909,797	29,804,606	10.76
		Value $.	15,892,218	15,386,799*	- 3.18	8,251,996	7,385,286	- 10.50
	- Exports	- Meat Lbs.	25,196,104	32,645,472	29.57	11,556,389	15,315,850	32.53
		Value $.	7,760,381	8,117,276	4.60	3,544,345	3,795,268	7.08

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

* Revised.

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1954 (February)	1955 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	1,170,438	852,123	- 27.20	519,652	373,048	- 28.21
		Value $.	6,275,647	4,476,591	- 28.67	2,816,339	1,930,517	- 31.45
Salt	Production	Tons	5,139	6,108	18.86	2,456	2,920	18.89
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	16,464,719	17,166,827	4.26	8,358,689	8,293,194	- .78
Propane	Production	Gallons.	2,613,843	4,837,633*	85.08	1,263,101	2,212,204	75.14
	Sales	Gallons	3,309,628	4,704,068*	42.13	1,576,330	2,053,890	30.30
Butane	Production	Gallons	1,102,536	2,509,707*	127.63	525,051	1,137,755	116.69
	Sales	Gallons	1,099,652	2,239,484*	103.65	519,428	1,024,362	97.21
Sulphur	Production	Tons	4,030	5,532	37.27	1,913	2,779	45.27
	Sales	Tons	2,694	2,392	- 11.21	1,086	1,276	17.50
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	445,995	443,915	- .47	218,503	195,193	- 10.67
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	1,254,506	1,378,009	9.84	846,356	663,375	- 21.62
Cement	Production	Barrels	363,960	305,810	- 15.98	193,560	192,700	- .44
		Value $.	924,227	757,278	- 18.06	489,707	477,896	- 2.41
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	81,127	90,836	11.97	42,617	47,518	11.50
	Production	Tons	2,920	3,593	23.05	1,492	1,846	23.73
		Value $.	46,660	51,385	10.13	23,670	25,225	6.57

* Revised

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING J A N U A R Y 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1954, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

		1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Petroleum	(1) Production-Barrels	76,816,383	87,713,855	14.19	7,584,174	8,975,459	18.34
	Value of Sales, $.	193,118,494	227,877,548	18.00	19,859,678	22,005,918	10.81
Natural Gas	(1) Production-M.C.F.	114,212,538	135,545,629	18.68	15,991,327	15,610,118	- 2.38
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports Barrels	1,995,655	2,084,682	4.46	147,617	194,367	31.67
	Exports Barrels	54,736,231	74,422,036	35.96	6,419,446	7,063,931	10.04
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production-Barrels	20,134,900	19,770,744	- 1.81	1,853,657	1,871,142	.94
	Imports Barrels	490,864	345,757	-29.56	31,743	19,020	-40.08
	Exports Barrels	4,521,186	4,391,015	- 2.88	400,051	318,082	-20.49
Natural Gasoline	(1) Production-Barrels	602,368	673,564	11.82	64,624	74,921	15.93
	Value of Sales $.	1,766,307	1,979,470	12.07	186,224	208,272	11.84

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, January, 1955, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954.

			1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (February)	1955 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands)	- Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	141,525,000	193,004,000	36.37	91,101,000	99,128,000	8.81
		Value $.	5,661,000	7,720,000	36.37	3,644,000	3,965,000	8.81
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products		$	7,353,000	9,412,000	28.00	4,544,000	4,865,000	7.06
Fur (Wild Life)	- Trapped	No. of Pelts	294,824	594,657	101.70	133,630	210,197	57.30
		Value $.	204,109	472,413	131.45	90,687	176,937	95.11
			1954 (Jan. - Mar.)	1955 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (March)	1955 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Bank Clearings		$.	927,918,665	1,197,147,322	29.01	326,035,454	433,533,540	32.97

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING J A N U A R Y 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954 WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

			1953 (Jan. - Dec.)	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Fisheries Production		Lbs.	10,838,705	8,820,210	- 18.62	-	-	-
		Value $.	1,085,898	1,149,502	5.86	-	-	-
Bank Debits (1)		$.	9,041,687,000	9,082,402,000	.45	769,791,000	691,252,000	- 10.20
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (2)	No.	43,314	30,933	- 28.58	1,940	1,771	- 8.71
		Value $.	108,396,000	80,121,000	- 26.08	4,846,000	4,705,000	- 2.91
Customs' Duty Receipts		$	17,107,281	14,441,294	- 15.58	853,191	963,490	12.93
Electric Power	- Consumption (3)	K.W.Hrs.	1,321,882,000	1,500,875,000	13.54	144,801,000	149,722,000	3.40

(1) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 32, No. 1, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVII, No. 1, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 23, No. 1, 1955, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

BUILDING PERMITS:		1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (February)	1955 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	314	336	7.01	158	175	10.76
	Value $.	3,087,948	3,622,787	17.32	1,023,239	1,587,952	55.19
EDMONTON	Number	368	375	1.90	221	185	- 16.29
	Value $.	2,231,290	4,000,685	79.30	1,864,740	433,687	- 76.74
LETHBRIDGE	Number	72	48	- 33.33	45	29	- 35.56
	Value $.	308,434	734,250	138.06	154,140	628,900	308.01
MEDICINE HAT	Number	12	14	16.67	6	5	- 16.67
	Value $.	21,680	41,150	89.81	6,200	16,050	158.87
RED DEER	Number	10	13	30.00	8	7	- 12.50
	Value $.	33,650	48,000	42.64	32,300	41,200	27.55
DRUMHELLER	Number	7	-	-	4	-	-
	Value $.	244,340	-	-	243,250	-	-
WETASKIWIN	Number	2	1	- 50.00	2	-	-
	Value $.	33,500	500	- 98.51	33,500	-	-
CAMROSE	Number	12	7	- 41.67	4	7	75.00
	Value $.	75,700	293,420	287.61	13,200	293,420	2,122.88
T O T A L (8 CITIES) - - - - - - -	NUMBER	797	794	- .38	448	408	- 8.93
	VALUE $	6,036,542	8,740,792	44.80	3,370,569	3,001,209	- 10.96
T O T A L (82 Towns & Villages) -	VALUE $.	363,485	820,735	125.80	227,735	275,732	21.08

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA:(1)		1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (February)	1955 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	207	233	12.56	81	99	22.22
	Value $.	2,970,100	2,646,300	- 10.90	763,600	1,292,900	69.32
BUSINESS	Number	44	44	-	22	18	- 18.18
	Value $.	4,716,400	4,139,400	- 12.23	1,518,300	2,726,100	79.55
INDUSTRIAL	Number	16	3	- 81.25	3	2	- 33.33
	Value $.	841,500	16,500	- 98.04	50,500	7,000	- 86.14
ENGINEERING	Number	17	30	76.47	7	14	100.00
	Value $.	3,343,500	3,745,200	12.01	1,413,600	1,533,500	8.48
T O T A L - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	284	310	9.15	113	133	17.70
	VALUE $.	11,871,500	10,547,400	- 11.15	3,746,000	5,559,500	48.41

(1) Source: Building Reporter, March, 1955, Published by MacLean Building Reports Limited.

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MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Mar.)	1955 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (March)	1955 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	49,908	69,671	39.60	16,899	22,304	31.98
Elk Island	2,100	2,100	-	1,500	900	-40.00
Jasper	941	665	-29.33	453	246	-45.70
TOTAL	52,949	72,436	36.80	18,852	23,450	24.39

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	1955 (Jan.- Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (February)	1955 (February	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	30	37	23.33	18	18	-
Carway	119	295	147.90	85	100	17.65
Chief Mountain	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	3,398	2,833	-16.63	1,956	1,335	-31.75
Del Bonita	129	194	50.39	86	79	- 8.14
Wild Horse	37	36	- 2.70	22	19	-13.64
TOTAL	3,713	3,395	- 8.56	2,167	1,551	-28.43

(1) SOURCE: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

JANUARY - 1955

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS	OTHER FUEL GALS	MISC. FUEL GALS	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,111,970	1,476,930	-	1,399,685	634,235	5,622,820
AA-	4,454,404	2,476,390	-	148,610	126,070	7,205,474
B-	277,830	-	-	-	-	277,830
BB-	25,501	99,624	72,173	757,027	-	954,325
C-	1,485,560	486,044	43,691*	379,894	-	2,307,807
G-	243,198	540,784	787,410	7,484,780	-	9,056,172
H-	4,848,157	909,830	6,019*	1,083,912	-	6,835,880
J-	13,812,594	4,110,501	221,822	3,257,637	2,560,779	23,963,333
L-	1,302,595	-	-	-	-	1,302,595
M-	24,535	45,045	1,610*	199,430	5,810	273,210
N-	4,797,975	862,750	595*	1,545,670	249,200	7,455,000
O-	2,084	-	-	153,836	-	155,920
P-	79,599	-	-	-	-	79,599
TOTAL	33,466,002	11,007,898	1,029,490	16,410,481	3,576,094	65,489,965

* Adjustment - Deducted.

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 28, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (February)	1955 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:			%			%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	10,680,960	11,147,729	4.37	5,370,640	5,151,741	- 4.08
Boots and Shoes	430,731	520,436	20.83	254,920	254,486	- .17
Drugs	1,206,156	1,231,260	2.08	684,599	677,760	- 1.00
Dry Goods	1,506,521	1,450,822	- 3.70	818,635	789,272	- 3.59
Electrical Appliances and Radios	5,829,882	6,254,342	7.28	2,646,340	3,419,720	29.22
Florists	48,298	65,642	35.91	25,648	35,487	38.36
Furniture	496,472	505,760	1.87	284,079	260,149	- 8.42
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	22,340,689	22,828,542	2.18	11,600,580	11,240,842	- 3.10
Hardware	7,988,372	8,529,435	6.77	4,325,712	4,259,218	- 1.54
Lumber and Building Supplies	5,091,036	6,495,430	27.59	2,970,922	3,295,869	10.94
Machinery, Agricultural	4,006,630	2,356,285	- 41.19	2,727,518	1,366,844	- 49.89
Machinery, Other	1,951,112	1,971,299	1.03	947,326	846,064	- 10.69
Paints and Varnishes	748,438	716,236	- 4.30	407,792	386,181	- 5.30
Paper	1,374,243	1,402,330	2.04	704,210	675,920	- 4.02
Tobacco	2,936,429	3,022,853	2.94	1,483,880	1,509,049	1.70
Oilfield Supplies	1,571,578	2,245,745	42.90	807,046	1,040,804	28.96
Carbonated Beverages	1,775,459	1,894,022	6.68	875,462	770,544	- 11.98
Miscellaneous	7,573,502	7,455,124	- 1.56	3,882,964	3,392,652	- 12.63
T O T A L	77,556,508	80,093,292	3.27	40,818,273	39,372,602	- 3.54
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	18,189,551	19,091,653	4.96	9,710,943	9,172,188	- 5.55
Edmonton	17,881,261	18,412,220	2.97	9,852,354	9,273,668	- 5.87
Lethbridge	2,038,021	2,115,986	3.83	956,047	797,025	- 16.63
Medicine Hat	201,636	200,130	- .75	104,170	91,330	- 12.33
Smaller Centres	1,256,467	1,247,666	- .70	702,356	578,284	- 17.67
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	37,989,572	39,025,637	2.73	19,492,403	19,460,107	- .17
T O T A L	77,556,508	80,093,292	3.27	40,818,273	39,372,602	- 3.54

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1954.

	1954 (January)	1955 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	59,994,000 (a)	64,679,000	7.81
Grocery and Combination Store	9,935,000	10,153,000	2.19
Meat Stores	1,158,000	(b)	-
Other Food and Beverage Stores	(b)	4,372,000	-
General Stores	4,063,000	3,738,000	- 8.00
Department Stores	6,842,000	7,479,000	9.31
Variety Stores	604,000	716,000	18.54
Motor Vehicle Dealers	10,040,000	12,651,000	26.01
Garage and Filling Stations	3,801,000	4,242,000	11.60
Men's Clothing Stores	1,243,000	1,186,000	- 4.59
Family Clothing Stores	748,000	647,000	-13.50
Women's Clothing Stores	1,118,000	1,058,000	- 5.37
Shoe Stores	381,000	425,000	11.55
Hardware Stores	1,356,000	1,489,000	9.81
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	2,521,000	2,542,000	.83
Furniture, Appliances & Radio Stores	(b)	3,055,000	-
Restaurants	2,211,000	2,071,000	- 6.33
Fuel Dealers	(b)	97,000	-
Drug Stores	1,664,000	1,669,000	.30
Jewellery Stores	(b)	502,000	-
Miscellaneous	(b)	6,587,000	-

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individuals operations.

(b) Not Available.

SOURCE: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVII, No. 1, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st February, 1955

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 55, No. 2, February, 1955

Employment in the Prairie region declined more than seasonally in both the farm and non-farm sectors, as seasonal activity approached its winter low point. The post-Christmas lull in retail trade and further slackening in construction resulted in the usual staff reductions during the month.

The general level of employment was slightly higher this winter than last, although there were great variations from industry to industry. Business activity was stimulated by continued growth in oil production and by the industrial expansion involved in the development of oil and gas. At the same time, however, economic activity declined in a number of industries. The sharp year-to-year reduction in employment in the transportation equipment industry, caused by the combined effects of reduced grain freight shipments and dieselization of the railways, was particularly significant. In addition trade establishments were less active this season than last, especially in rural areas, owing to a sharp decline in income from wheat.

EDMONTON (metropolitan areas) remained in the moderate labour surplus category. Total industrial employment was maintained at a higher level than a year earlier but unemployment was also substantially higher, following an unusually heavy influx of farm workers from outlying districts. All non-agricultural industries recorded year-to-year increases in employment as heavy investment in oil and gas development and large construction outlays stimulated business in the distributive and the related industries.

CALGARY (metropolitan areas) remained in the moderate labour surplus category. Construction remained unusually active for the season and was the principal reason for the year-to-year decline in unemployment.

RED DEER and DRUMHELLER were reclassified from the balanced labour group to the moderate labour surplus category.

LETHBRIDGE and MEDICINE HAT were reclassified from the moderate labour surplus category to the substantial labour surplus category.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of February, 1955, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES. PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At J A N U A R Y 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported.
	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1954 $	Jan. 1 1955 $	Jan. 1 1955
Mining	117.7	117.3	73.78	77.47	18,233
Coal	70.7	54.6	58.11	57.68	4,407
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	183.2	200.9	80.89	83.76	12,461
Manufacturing	124.2	127.2	57.75	60.70	25,641
Food and Beverages	112.3	116.9	57.32	59.27	8,593
Meat Products	116.0	124.0	64.37	65.69	3,940
Wood Products	112.0	109.8	45.43	45.61	2,913
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	102.1	103.9	58.47	59.90	1,177
Iron and Steel Products	138.5	143.7	63.15	63.01	2,614
Transportation Equipment	155.9	131.6	58.27	61.99	3,893
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	114.0	126.1	52.76	59.33	1.983
Products of Petroleum and Coal	126.4	131.5	79.66	82.38	1.260
Construction	148.2	167.1	56.05	57.22	18,475
Buildings and Structures (k)	161.4	184.8	56.72	57.61	11,309
Highways, Bridges and Streets	131.8	145.2	55.03	56.61	7,166
Transportation, Storage, Communication	110.8	107.3	62.73	62.75	22,334
Steam Railways	99.3	93.1	66.41	65.36	12,457
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	133.6	133.9	65.18	66.40	3,433
Storage	117.5	111.7	51.35	52.41	2,608
Trade	131.6	136.0	50.48	51.09	27,123
Wholesale	126.1	127.8	55.15	57.07	8,742
Retail	134.7	140.3	48.08	48.24	18,381
Service	116.3	120.4	38.86	39.89	7,048
Hotels and Restaurants	108.5	113.7	38.72	39.02	4,668
Industrial Composite	124.7	128.4	57.77	59.11	129,367

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transporation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, January, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Continued)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

at J A N U A R Y 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1954 $	Jan. 1 1955 $	Jan. 1 1955
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	119.1	118.1	61.47	62.86	8,891
Foods and Beverages	111.4	113.6	62.42	63.50	2,849
Transportation Equipment	148.8	123.0	59.93	61.58	2,250
Construction	143.8	184.6	53.55	58.75	3,641
Wholesale Trade	121.5	121.9	55.73	57.89	3,790
Retail Trade	135.0	141.0	48.29	50.37	7,099
Industrial Composite	128.6	135.4	55.22	57.53	33,206
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	136.5	145.4	59.00	61.80	10,769
Foods and Beverages	116.2	126.6	59.54	61.04	3,838
Meat Products	117.6	129.9	62.11	63.46	2,659
Construction	154.1	170.4	56.89	57.10	6,742
Wholesale Trade	139.8	144.2	53.93	56.12	3,648
Retail Trade	135.4	142.8	49.50	47.21	8,271
Industrial Composite	140.1	149.0	54.26	54.93	37,743

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, December, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At J A N U A R Y 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955
			$	$	$	$	
Coal Mining	30.8	30.7	182.5	181.5	56.21	55.72	3,749
Oil and Natural Gas Production	44.0	44.0	173.5	178.3	76.34	78.45	4,319
Manufacturing	38.4	39.1	143.8	148.9	55.22	58.22	17,878
Foods and Beverages	38.0	37.8	142.2	146.6	54.04	55.41	5,923
Meat Products	38.9	38.5	156.1	160.2	60.72	61.68	2,806
Transportation Equipment	38.0	39.8	151.3	152.3	57.49	60.62	3,097
Buildings and Structures (h)	32.7	33.2	165.0	165.0	53.96	54.78	9,097
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.4	40.5	148.4	153.3	59.95	62.09	2,042
Services (j)	39.6	39.8	93.9	92.7	37.18	36.89	4,287

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, January, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES - ARGENTA

As at January 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955
			$	$	$	$	
Coal Mining	30.8	30.2	182.5	181.5	56.21	55.72	3,749
Oil and Natural Gas Production	44.2	44.0	171.5	178.3	76.34	78.45	4,319
Manufacturing	38.4	39.1	143.8	148.9	55.22	58.22	17,898
Foods and Beverages	38.0	37.8	142.2	146.6	54.04	55.41	5,765
Meat Products	38.8	38.5	156.1	160.2	60.72	61.68	2,806
Transportation Equipment	38.0	39.8	131.3	132.3	57.69	60.62	3,077
Buildings and Structures (h)	32.7	33.2	165.0	165.0	53.96	54.78	7,057
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.4	40.5	148.4	153.3	59.95	62.09	2,062
Services (j)	39.6	39.8	73.9	93.7	37.18	36.89	4,267

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, January, 1955
Prepared in the
Supplement Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa

(h) Buildings and Structures; other contracting; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and steam and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundry, cleaning and pressing; barbers and recreational services.